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Commissioner Jane E. Henney Parklawn Building, Room 14-71 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville MD 20857

Dear Commissioner Henney

Consumers need to be able to identify irradiated foods at the supermarket and in restaurants. Nine out of ten people surveyed in a nationally representative telephone poll of 1,000 adults agreed that this is necessary. Irradiation kills bugs dead, but it won't prevent sloppy handling at the plant, at home or in restaurants, which could contaminate food after it's been zapped.

I strongly recommend that irradiated foods carry a prominent disclosure, in easy-to-read type, on the front of the package. Then, at the least, people will know what they're paying for, and I willI know what items to avoid like the plague.

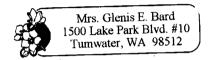
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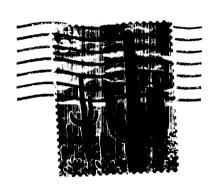
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